

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A valve for controlling a fluid, comprising:

a valve housing having a housing sleeve;

a seating plate;

a valve seat situated on the seating plate;

an armature;

an electromagnetic actuator for the armature which is guided in an axially displaceable manner and which cooperates with the valve seat situated on the seating plate so that a fluid flow through outflow orifices in the seating plate is controllable; ~~and~~

an armature sleeve situated in the housing sleeve, the armature being guided along the armature sleeve; and

an annular sealing element provided on the armature which cooperates with the seating plate to form a sealing seat, a plurality of the outflow orifices in the seating plate being closed via the sealing element when the valve is closed.

9. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 8, wherein the fluid is a gas.

10. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 8, wherein the armature sleeve is connected to the seating plate via a press-fit connection.

11. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 8, wherein the armature sleeve is welded to the seating plate.

12. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 8, wherein the armature sleeve is manufactured in one piece together with the seating plate and forms a deep-draw part.

13. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 8, further comprising at least one guide collar for guiding the armature in the armature sleeve.

14. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 8, wherein an area of the armature having an enlarged diameter is situated outside the armature sleeve.

15. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 14, wherein the area having an enlarged diameter is guided along the housing sleeve.